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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director of Operations

15 March 1956

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Deputy Project Director

SUBJECT

Escape and Evasion and Intelligence Briefings

REFERENCE

Memorandum for Project Director, from Director of Operations, dated 13 Mar 56, same subj (SAPC-4441)

- 1. In general I concur with your memorandum on the above subject. The only amendment I suggest is that I believe it would be very valuable for morale purposes to brief the primary mission pilots quite fully on enemy detection, tracking, and intercept capabilities. What I have in mind goes somewhat beyond tactical intelligence on enemy radar and interceptor OV.
- 2. I am going to ask Mr. Reber to explore cautiously with the appropriate people in the Agency the possibility of making this intelligence available in a form and under circumstances that it will not be highly sensitive. I will warn him that his exploration of this matter must be so conducted as not to impair our freedom of action. In the light of his findings we can determine how to proceed in this matter.
- 3. With specific reference to a thorough E&E briefing, I am in full agreement with your proposal. I have already asked Mr. Reber to arrange for charance. As soon as the latter is available to us I 50X1 will ask Mr. Reber to arrange a masting with a member of your staff to plan the briefing. At an appropriate time thereafter can be asked to 50X1 visit Watertown.

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SUBJECT : Escape and Evasion and Intelligence Briefings

During our recent visit to Watertown it became apparent that ows chief concern of pilots at this time is escape and evasion information. training, and survival gear. Of particular interest to 50X1 50X1 was a policy concerning any limitations that might be imposed on his briefing of pilots on intelligence matters. Concerning the latter, had envisaged briefings to include a rather broad intelli-50X1 gence coverage to include something approaching a national intelligence estimate, national capabilities-type briefing. I considered this more excessive than necessary. 50X1 was advised that no intelligence should be passed to the pilots except that which is necessary and essential to his mission. In other words, the pilot should be given only tactical intelligence information such as those defensive capabilities that might affect his mission. 50X1 agreed to limit the pilot's intelligence briefings to this and asked that a policy letter be disseminated to guide him in this matter.

2. My thought in asking to limit the briefings of the pilot to tactical intelligence was that if we adopted a liberal policy in which the pilot could be briefed to tell everything he knows in the event of capture, then it behooves us to insure that he does not have knowledge which we do not want the enemy to have.

3. Before we can go much farther in the development of intelligence, training, briefing and escape and evasion, a policy must be firmed as to what course of action a pilot should take should he go down in denied territory. I recommend that we adopt as liberal a policy as possible. I think the pilot should be briefed to evade and escape, if possible, and therefore must be furnished with E & E information and gear. I feel that any information he has can and will be forced from him if captured. I think the pilots are more than willing to pay the price of not having full access to intelligence information, if they know that with this price they can buy permission to tell all and thus get what we hope would be preferential treatment. I think this would do much in the interest of the pilot's morale since they could easily recognize that it is to their advantage not to receive any intelligence over and above that needed for flying their mission.

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4. In our search for background concerning E & E I have been told that a is the Agency expert on E & E matters.  Mr. Reber has, I believe, approached you on the subject of obtaining clearance to the Project. I recommend that his services be made available as soon as practicable in order that he may participate in the developments of a logical E & E concept, the type and quantity of survival gear needed, and E & E documentation and clothing.	50X1 50X1
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